MR. BOYD'S OPINION.

IT IS STILL REPOSING ON THE AT-TORNEY-GENERAL'S DESK.

BRADY MATTER IN ABEYANCE.

Civil-Service Commissioner Proctor Accorded Time in Which to File a Brief-North Carolinians at Washington in Force.

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 5 .- (Spe cial.)-The opinion of Assistant-Attorney-General Boyd regarding the Brady removal cases is still tranquilly reposing on the Attorney-General's desk, unsigned. Civil-Service-Commissioner Proctor called at the Department of Justice to-day, and asked for time to submit a brief in the matter. The request was granted, and no disposition of the cases will be made until the Attorney-General has time to consider the Civil-Service Commissioner's brief. The general interest manifested in this case is shown by the great number of congratulatory letters and telegrams received by Assistant-Attorney-General Boyd since the announcement of the purport of his opinion. The impression, of course, that his opinion disposes of the question, as stated in my letter yesterday, is erroneous. Until approved by the Attorney-General, it has no effect, and that officer has not yet examined the opinion. Speaking of it to-day, he said the case would not be taken up until the Civil-Service Commission had had full op-portunity to be heard. No time has yet been fixed for consideration of the opineen fixed for consideration of the opin-

SECRETARY DOYLE'S REPORT.

Commissioner Proctor said to-day that the report of Secretary Doyle, of the Civil-Service Commission, who went to Richmond to investigate the cases of the ousted deputies, was in his hands, but that there had not yet been time to make a digest of it for use in the brief he pro-poses to submit to the Attorney-General. Under any circumstances, it is now belief that the Brady cases will go to the courts, and perhaps the Supreme Court, for final action.

Mr. Wheeler Martin, one of the many applicants for the Eastern District at-torneyship of North Carolina, saw As-sistant-Attorney-General Boyd to-day to the appointment. No with reference to the appointment. No action, it is understood, will be taken until Senator Pritchard gets here, and the time of his coming is uncertain. NORTH CAROLINA DAY.

This is North Carolina day at the national capital. Last night, about 11 o'clock, the city was invaded by an excursion of some 400 Carolinians, who came over the Norfolk and Western and Baltimore and Ohio railroads, to remain here until Filday. They took the four hotels at the corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Sixth street by surprise—an agreeable surprise, just now—and it was not until after midnight that the weary excursionists were comfortably roomed They are a fine-looking body of people and typical specimens of the better class of North Carolinians. Their trip is un-der the management of the Rev. S. F. Conrad, of Winston. The start was made from that point, where the excursionists were joined by quite a party from the enterprising town of Greens-Stops were made to take on other parties at Mount Airy and Madison, N. C., and Martinsville, Va. A great many business-men from those places took adof the cheap railroad rate to to visit Baltimore and other northern cities, while those on pleasure bent went sight-seeing here. To-day they are taking in the many points of interest in and around the capital, Many have gone to Alexandria, Mount Vernon, and Arlington, and the remainder are iming through the Capitol building and

The excursionists will leave here for home on Friday morning, and will step over at Luray, to visit the famous caverns there. No other long stop will made until the train reaches its destination at Winston.

Among the visitors are the following: John F. Efland, W. O. L. Casper, H. C. Casper, R. Lee Dalton, W. E. Staley. Morton, Winston; James H. West, T. F. Ferguson, Greensboro'; Sam. L. Vance C. W. Jones, F. W. Holtz, Mrs. E. N Winston; E. W. Linville Dobson, Winston; David Way, Asheville C. Hill, W. L. Hill, L. H. Hill, M. S. C. Hill, W. L. Shan, D. Gentre; Wheeler Germanton; M. Osborne, Centre; Wheeler Martin, Williamston; L. W. Blackwell, Magodan, registered at the National

Hotel.
D. S. Butner, N. V. Peterson, Ralph L. McNeil, Salem; George S and wife, Greensboro'; Miss Emma Mendenhall, Greensboro': F. Ham ilton Bailey, Winston; E. Cox and wife, High Point; E. P. Miller and wife, High Point; E. P. Miller and wife North Carolina, registered at the St

W. D. Mendenhall, Miss Emma Menden W. D. Mendenhall, Miss Emma Mendenhall, George W. White, M. C. Workman, Greensboro', N. C.; D. L. Withers, Wentworth; A. J. Wall, Madison; R. W. Mitchell, Dillard, N. C.; Dr. J. B. Smith, Job. Heath, J. C. Dodson, Pilot Mountain; Fletcher Bailey, W. H. Mastin, Winston; W. F. Daiton, Madison; Mrs. Winston; W. F. Daiton, Madison; Mrs. Henry Riggans, Winston; W. H. Baker, T. W. Coleman, W. M. Parker, Daniel Wilson, J. H. Dyer, J. S. Adkins, John Perrin, George Walby, and Mrs. J. M. Barker, Martinsville, Va.; J. L. Payne, Burlington, N. C.—The Howard House.

Miss M. L. Lindsay, Miss Sloan, Miss S. Sloan, Miss A. Shober, and Miss L. Peyton, of Greensboro' are a distinction.

Peyton, of Greensboro', are a distinguished party of the excursionists, and are located at the Metropolitan. The ladies are all pretty, but Miss Peyton is a beauty and the belle of the occasion. She was the recipient of many attentions to-day,

PERSONAL.

Mr. Charles Wesley Spencer, of Rich-mond, a well known tobacco manufac-turer, is in the city to-day, on business at the Navy Department, where he a considerable claim for tobacco sold to

he department some time ago.

Mr. Edgar S. Freeman, of Richmond, passed through to-day on his way North. He will return on Friday. Mr. William Krouse, of Richmond, is in

the city to-day on business.
W. J. Seabury and wife, of Lynchburg and O. L. Rhodes, of Danville, are at the

Raieigh.
R. F. Johnston, Richmond; W. V. Mar-dn, Danville; J. G. Corley, Richmond-

he National.
R. Hancock and J. C. Scott, North Caro

lina-the St. James. POSTAL.

Fourth-class postmasters commissioned to-day are: Richard J. Peel, Hatteras, N

C.; Hiram D. Buckner, Alexander, N. C.; James L. Doby, Jackson Hill, N. C.; James L. Postans, Farrington, Va.; David Watson, Hadinsville, Va.; John W. C. Armentrout, Melrose, Va.; Ida B. Coates, Officy, Va.; John B. Webster, Springham, Va.—not money-order offices. Special mail service has been discon-tinued from Crab Orchard to Kirk, Lee se of Wight county, Va.
Star mali-service changes have been

made in North Carolina as fellows:
Pocesin to Councils Station—From September 30, 1897, change service so as to supply Pocesin at its new site without

thange in distance.

Pekin to Candor—From October 11, 1897. change service so as to omit Macedonia on Monday. Wednesday, and Friday of each week, decreasing distance 3.74 miles of three times a week service, equal to 1.87 miles of six times a week service.

The Star Course Prospectus. The fifth annual announcement of the lar course of the Young Men's Christian association of Richmond was issued nider the auspices of the coramittee yes-orday. It is a beautiful publication of wenty-four pages, illustrated throughout, and contains valuable information contains the course, including date of entertainment, days for securing reserved seats, personnel of the attractions, and other information. The cover is a work

of art.

A young lady, accompanied by her escort, is looking through a telescope, and sees ten stars blazing in the distance, four of them large, and six a little smaller. These stars in a silent manner convey information as to the single price of entertainments, while the moon lends her light to encourage the young man to take his best girl (or wife) to the coming entertainments.

The sale of season tickets is already very large, only 110 seats of the entire number being unsold. There is no doubt that the limit will be sold long before the date of opening. It is certainly a magnificent course, and is deserving of the liberal patronage already assured.

ELECTRIC ORDINANCE REFERRED.

Light Committee Found That It

Should Go to Streets. The Council Committee on Light held a special meeting in Room No. 5 of the City Hall last night for the purpose City Hall last night for the purpose of further considering the matter of granting the right to the Southern Electric Company and the Home Electric Company to do a general electrical business here. City-Attorney Meredith, representatives of the two companies, and Messrs. Starke (chairman), Hardwicke, Hawkins. Noble, Tanner, Vaughan, and Walierstein, of the committee, were present. Mr. Meredith presented the new ordinance granting the privileges asked, which he had prepared by direction of the committee. After the reading of this measure the point was raised that inasmuch as the use of the city's streets was one of the main questions involved, the matter should be considered by the Street Committee. Some general discussion ensued, and the body heard statements from Mr. Phil. B. Sheild, counsel for the Southern, and Mr. W. F. Reddy, the attorney of the Home Electric Company.

Mr. Hardwicke took the ground that the Light Committee could not act upon an ordinance which would give corporations or citizens the right to use the city's streets. He moved that the papers be sent to the Council with the recommendation that they be forwarded to the Committee on Streets. This was adopted after being so amended as to carry with it the approval of the Light Committee further considering the matter of grant-

after being so amended as to carry with it the approval of the Light Committee to have competition in the city in the electric-light and power business.

THE ADJUTANT-GENERALSHIP. Mr. Jeffries Talks in Behalf of Colonel Nalle, of Culpeper.

Mr. J. L. Jeffries, of Culpeper, the nominee for the Senate from his district, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Jeffries s one of the most ardent supporters of Colonel Nalle for the adjutant-generalship. He says that the announcement
made yesterday that Colonel Nalle is not
in the race is altogether without foundation, and a formal announcement of his
candidacy will be made within the next
day or so. The friends of the commandant of the Third Regiment, said Mr. Jeffries, expect to make a very active effort
to secure his appointment, and regard
his chances as very favorable.

Mr. Jeffries spent a couple of days in
the city, and during his visit he conferred
with several men who are prominent in
military circles, with a view to ascertaining their predictions. Mr. Jeffries left
for Culpeper last night.

Colonel George Wayne Anderson, of
this city, is also being spoken of as a
probable aspirant to the office of Adjutant-General.

Meeting of the State Committee.

Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson, chairman of the State Democratic Committee, speaking of the approaching meeting of the committee to be held here on the 12th instant, said that no material changes in the plans for the campaign would be made. He said that it might be deemed advisable to change the appointments of certain to change the appointments of certain speakers from the more certain districts to where contests existed, but beyond that

to where contests existed, but beyond that there was not likely to be any departure from the present arrangement.

He added that an additional appointment would be made for Major Tyler to speak in Washington on the night of the 18th, if that gentleman thought be could make it convenient to gratify the Virginia Democratic Association of that city, who are very desirous of having him.

Senator Daniel left early yesterday morning for Fredericksburg, from which point he will go to King George county, where he will make an address to-day.

Mr. Chris. Quincy Here.

Mr. Chris. Quincy, who twenty years ago was proprietor of Jarret's Hotel, Petersburg, and manager of the Theatre in that city, and who has many friends in Richmond, is here in advance of a theatrical combination, which will appear at the Academy in the near future. Mr. Quincy claims the distinction of having v claims the distinction of having he first man to talk over the tele-wires between Richmond and Pe-

Celebrated Their Fifth Anniversary. The Young People's Union of St. John's German Evangelical church celebrated the fifth anniversary of their organization last night with a reception extended to the members of the church and their friends. An interesting programme of vocal and instrumental music was carried out, and Rev. Dr. Menzel made a short congratulatory address. Refreshments were served, and the evening was very pleasantly spent.

Miss Alexander, of No. 23 west Marshall street, has returned from New York. Mrs. Ellen Meade Clarke, of Atlanta Ga., is in the city, stopping at the Lang

Mr. Henry Abrahams has returned the city after a vacation of eight weeks spent in southern cities. Miss Marie C. Terrell, of Louisa county

is the guest of the Mister street, Manchester. Mr. J. W. Nokely, travelling auditor of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, is in

the Chesapeake and the city on business. Miss Margaret Stokes, of Boling Island, is spending a few days with Mrs. A. Y. Stokes, of No. 15 east Franklin street.

Mr. William McLaughlin, editor and proprietor of the Sunday Gazette, Atlantic City, N. J., is in the city for a day or so. Miss Annie M. Smithers, who has been visiting Mrs. J. Goodwin May, of Louisa Va., for the past few weeks, has returned to the city.

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Agriculture, which was to have taken place Tuesday, was postponed until October 15th by the order of the president.

Mr. Alexander C. Adams, of Philadel-hia was here to attend Major Ginter's funeral in the capacity of a representa-tive of the American Tobacco Company.

Mrs. J. C. Luck and her little daughter and son, Susie and Willie, have returned to the city, much improved in health, after spending six weeks in Caroline county with friends. Miss Sophia Morrison, of Augusta, Ga.

who has been spending some time in New York and Washington, will be in Rich-mond for a few days as the guest of Mrs. J. H. Askew. There will be special music at the meetof the Brotherhood of St. Andrew of John's church to-morrow night. Mr. Woolbridge and others will sing. All

Mr. D. Buchanan, the well-known Broad-street jeweller, has returned to Richmond after an extended trip to his native and beloved Scotland. Mr. Buch-anan was gone from the city six months, At the meeting of the Wednesday Club on Tuesday night, at the Young Men's

at the meeting of the wednesday Night, at the Young Men's On Tuesday night, at the Young Men's Christian Association, just before the ad-journment, in memoriam of Major Gin-ter, the beautiful chorus, "Oh, Happy and Blest are They," from St. Paul, was

Dr. W. H. Harbaugh continues very ill. He has railied several times during the past ten days, but suffered as many relapses. His complaint is tuberculosis, and his friends entertain only the faintest hope of his recovery. Dr. George Ben. Johnston is his attendant physician. The Board of Managers of the Virginia

Home for Incurables are engaged making preparations for an entertainment, "The Carnival of Nations," to be given for the benefit of the building fund of the home. All friends of this worthy institution will be gladly welcomed as co-workers. The bazaar will start on the evening of November 8th. Richmonders in New York. NEW YORK, October 6.—(Special.)—
Miss H. Stevens, G. W. Stevens and wife,
Waldorf; W. W. Henry and wife, Mrs.
J. Lyons, Fifth Avenue, M. C. Patterson,
Miss Patterson, Bartholdi; M. T. Spicer,
Grand; H. A. Gilles, B. E. Shore, Astor;
J. M. Fourqurean, St. Denia.

ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN ANGLING INVITED TO ATTEND.

OYSTER, TURTLE, AND PROG CULTURE

The Sponge Industry of Florida-An Anglers' Tournament and Competitive Tests in Fly-Casting, With Appropriate Prizes

WASHINGTON, October 6.-The Fish Commission is very much interested in the National Fishery Congress, which convenes at Tampa, Fla., in January, 1893. The congress will, it is believed, prove to be one of the most noteworthy gatherings of the kind ever held in the country. A large attendance of representatives of the various State fish commissions, angling and fishing associations, and the National Fish Commission is expected, and all persons interested in fishing, angling, and fishculture will be welcomed.

The United States Government has extended invitations to be represented to Great Britain, Germany, Russia, France, Spain, Portugal, Denmark, Belgium, Austria-Hungary, Greece, the Nether lands, Japan, China, Mexico, Brazil, Venezuela, and other countries. It is proposed to organize an international fishery association at the congress.

The call for the congress was issued by Governor Bloxham, of Florida. One of the main objects is to secure harmony among the States in providing for the preservation, propagation, and protec-tion of their water products. Fish-cuiture, oyster-culture, turtle-culture, and frog-culture are down on the programme

The application of modern methods to the cultivation of oysters is a subject in which all the Coast States are interested. which all the Coast States are interested. Turtle-culture is an innovation, but is fast becoming a necessity, in the absence of protection to the young and the eggs of the green turtle. The utilization of of the green turtle. The utilization of waste marsh-land and pends for the rearing of bull-frogs for market is a subject of great interest to many thousands of people. The opportunity for those of all means to engage in this business

One of the timely topics that will be promptly presented to the Congress is the sponge industry. While Florida is the sponge industry. While Florida is the only State actively participating in the sponge fishery, every State is indirectly interested. Already some of the best sponge grounds have been depleted, and the necessity for artificial measures to maintain the supply is being generally appreciated. Sponge culture is one of the most promising fields now opening in connection with the fisheries. With unter for planting, the growing of sponges ought to engage the attention of many people in the next few years, and it is said that this congress will give an in-centive to the enterprise. The best Turk-ish and African sponges bring \$40 to \$50 a pound, while the choicest of the Florida species are worth only \$2 or \$3 a pound.

The condition, extent, methods, and needs of the great commercial fisheries will receive considerable attention, as will the question of fishery legislation. Exhibits of fishery apparatus, fishery products, and appliances for catching and preparing fish are solicited from dealers, manufacturers, and others.

Some advice for drying fish as fruit is dried is said to be much needed on parts of the southern coast, and inventors would do well to take advantage of this congress to exhibit some methods adapt-

The first session of the congress will be devoted to angling. Florida in winter is an anglers' paradise, and oppor-tunity will be afforded for an interchange of experiences by angiers from all parts of the country. An angling to ament and competitive tests in fly-casting, with

NO COSTA RICAN DICTATORSHIP.

Reports to the Contrary Effect Denied-The Real Situation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 6 .-Senor Calvo, the Costa Rican representative here, states positively that the reports that President Iglesias, of Costa Rica, has proclaimed himself dictator, are without foundation. Mr. Calvo re-ceived advices from his government to-day, which show conclusively that no dictatorship exists. He has also received a copy of the official decree, which doubt less gave rise to the reports of a dictator-ship. The decree was issued by the per-manent commission of Congress, and not by the President, and is limited to a sus-pension of the right of habeas corpus for sixty days from September 15th. Inis the decree states, is in accordance with section 2 of the Constitution. The decree gives the President no unusual power. It is signed by President igle-

sias, and is the only decree of an ex-traordinary character issued of late. Mr. Calvo says that the disorder which ccurred at Santo Domingo was tempo-It was this riot which gave occasion, under the Constitution, for the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus. Mr. Calvo believes that the suspension will be vacated even before the sixty days of its existence expires, as the need for

it has passed away. THE LUETGERT TRIAL.

Impenchment of Testimony for the Defence.

CHICAGO, October 6 .- The testimony in the Luetgert trial to-day was more interesting to the general public than it has been at any time for the last two weeks. The dry, technical evidence of the experts gave way to impeachment evidence offered by the State against the witnesses for the defence who had stried on the stand that Mrs. Luetger been seen in Wisconsin a few days after murder is said to have bren committed. Several of those who claim to have seen the woman around Kenosha, Wis., fared badly at the hands of their neighbors, and Witness Scholey, the prin cipal witness for the defence, had his cipal witness for the defence, had his character torn to shreds. One of his neighbors, who testified against him said he did not know what was meant by Scholey's "veracity," but made himself clear in the next breath by adding, "I do know, though, that Scholey is 'no

Evidence was introduced to show that Luetgert had not put any grease or chip-ped bone into his vats for making soar on the night of May 1st, as his but on the night of May 1st, as his business partner, William Charles, testified, because it had all been carted away on the morning before. It was also shown that Luetgert had no occasion to make any soap, for when the factory was seized by a deputy sheriff, several days after the murder is said to have been computed a great many barrals of several many barrals of se committed, a great many barrels of soap belonging to him were found in the basement of the factory.

HAPPY LAMBITES.

What They Have to Say About Their Ticket.

LYNCHBURG, VA., October 6.-(Spe cial.)-Union Depot at 8 o'clock this morning presented the appearance of an ad-journed meeting of the delegates to yesterday's Republican convention. The side-walk around the station was jammed with politicians, who eagerly discussed the results of the convention, and as-sured one another that the ticket could not be defeated. Colonel Pat McCauli was the central figure of the largest group. The Colonel was as chipper as a 2-year-old, and gave an encouraging word or nod to all who addressed him. The Dispatch's representative found much difficulty in getting within earshot, but when the terday's Republican convention. The side

surging crowd pushed him into the charmed circle he was heartily greeted by the genial Colonel, who informed him that the ticket was the strongest ever put out in this State, and a sure winner.

When asked as to the course the other faction would pursue, the Colonel said: "They will come around all right, My good friends, Park Agnew and Jim McLaughlin, will support our ticket with might and main. General James A. Walker will also be found where the fight is thickest. His district opposed the convention, and that is, I presume, the reason the Ninth District was not in evidence here yesterday. But these people, as well as all other good Republicans, will put their shoulders to the wheel and help push us on to victory."

Next to Colonel McCaull, Hon. Jake Yost seemed to attract the most attention, and he could only find time to say: "I am delighted with the ticket, and can see no reason why it should not win."

AT MARRIAGE ALTAR.

Three Weddings Celebrated in the

Hill City Yesterday. LYNCHBURG, October 6 .- (Special.)-Three weddings were celebrated in this city to-day. At St. Paul's church, at 2:30 o'clock P. M., Miss Sophia Plumpton Wilson, of Coleman's Falls, Bedford county, became the bride of Mr. Herbert N. Carey, a prosperous young farmer of lvy Depot, Albemarle county. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Frederick Lemosy, rector of St. Stephen's church, of Forest Depot. Miss Agnes Plumpton Wilson, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Mr. G. H. Carey, brother of the groom, best man. Miss Mary Murrell, aged 8 years, daughter of Mr. George Murrell, of Coleman's Falls, and Master Clifford Hubbard, son of Mr. S. Hildreth Hubbard, of Coffee, acted in the capacity of flower-bearers.

At the residence of Dr. F. A. Lee, at

of flower-bearers.

At the residence of Dr. F. A. Lee, at 3 o'clock P. M., his sister, Miss Lucy Kyle Lee, was united in marriage to Mr. James Wilbur Spencer, travelling salesman of Messrs. John E. Gannaway & Co., the ceremony being performed by Rev. Dr. Carson, of St. Paul's church. Miss Cora Beil Lee was maid of honor and Dr. John Walker best man.

At 5 o'clock this morning Mr. Warren Abner Hatcher, an attachee of Hancock Brothers' tobacco factory, wed Miss Amanda Lou Thompson. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. P. Robertson. Mr. J. T. Craddock was best man and Miss Lizzle Thompson, sister of the bride, maid of honor.

FROM THE COCKADE CITY. En Route for the Sussex Rally-

maid of honor

Brief Mention. PETERSBURG, VA., October 6.-(Spewill have a big rally to-morrow (court-day), and among the speakers will be Senator Thomas S. Martin, Hon. John F.

Senator Thomas S. Martin, Hon. John F. Ryan, Speaker of the House of Delegates; Major F. R. Lassiter, and others. Senator Martin spent to-night in this city.

The Republican State ticket nominated at Lynchburg is well received by the Republican masses here, and will be given good support at the polls on election-day. It is expected, however, that many leaders in the party's councils who opposed a convention, and who acknowledge Mr. Agnew as the State chairman, will give the ticket, at most, a lukewarm support, if they do not ignore it altogether. It will be interesting to see how they will act. The Democrats, however, have no fear of the ticket.

Two alarms of fire were sounded last

Two alarms of fire were sounded last night, but in each case the damage was very slight. The losses by fire in this city during the past year will not aggreate more than a very few thousand tollars.

Two of our well-known young citizens left this evening for a trip through the country on their bicycles. They will go as far as Farmville.

BOYDTON.

The Tobacco Board-Election of Officers-Politics.

BOYDTON, VA., October &-(Special.)-The Tobacco Board of Trade had a meeting yesterday and elected Major N. P. Lea president and J. B. Wells Major Lea was president of the Thase City Board of Trade last year, but Chase City Board of Trade last year, but has recently moved here, and is taking an active part in this market. Some eight or ten members paid up their annual dues and a few additions were made. Major N. P. Lea, H. Taylor Wells, and A. Hatchett were appointed as Arbitration and Sales Committee.

Tobacco is coming in freely. The color

Pobacco is coming in freely. The color good and farmers are satisfied with

The weather is exceptionally pleasant, though rather dry for preparing land for wheat and out seeding.

County politics are so mixed it is hard to tell who is a Democrat and who is a parties appear to be running together and supporting the Democratic nominees. The canvass will open in earnest on court-day, the 18th, at which time some dis-tinguished Democrats will address the people.

Hay at Berryville.

BERRYVILLE, VA., October 6 .- (Spedal.)—The Democrats opened the politi-al campaign at the court-house in Berryville on Tuesday. County-Chairman Thomas D. Gold introduced the speaker of the occasion, Congressman James Hay, Jr., of Madison county. During of the day were tersely and clearly explained, State and national questions ouched upon, and the speech throughout was forcible and eloquent. Parks, of Luray, was the next speer, and for nearly an nour he held the attention of his audience by his apt 11-

Rhea in Russell.

LEBANON, VA., October 6.—(Special.)—
Yesterday was a great day in the history
of Russell county Democracy. The crowd
was the largest since the Fitzhugh Lee
parade and speaking in 1885. There was
speaking by Judge William F. Rhea, the
distinguished orator of the Southwest.
From all the hills and valleys, nooks and
corners of Russell, the yeomanry gathered in, Judge Rhea spoke for two hours
with his accustomed logic and eloquence.
A large number of Republicans were attentive listeners.
Hon, Alexander St, Clair, of Tazewell,
nominee for State Senator, and William

nominee for State Senator, and William D. Hanson, nominee for the House of Delegates, were in hand, making friend and sees. The Democratic party is united throughout the county. It has the its loins for the fight. It has de-termined to win, and, therefore, will win

NORFOLK, VA., October 6.—(Special.)—Charles T. Bland was to-day renominated for the House of Delegates by the Democrats of Portsmouth at a primary. He beat his nearest opponent, Colonel W. H. Stewart, nearly 200 votes, and by 23 majority over the combined vote of his two opponents.

COVINGTON, VA., October 6.—(Special.) The Democrats of this legislative district, composed of Alleghany, Bath, and High-land counties, have nominated A. F. Withrow for the House. Fell Dead in the Street.

BEDFORD CITY, October 6.—(Special.)
About 11:30 o'clock to-day Mr. Samuel L.
Haguman, without the slightest premonition, fell suddenly upon the street and
expired. The cause of death is supposed
to have been heart-disease.

Mr. Haguman, whose home was near
Lowry, about six miles distant, was one
of the most influential and higbly esteemed citizens of the county, and his sudden
death will produce a void in his neighborhood, where he was ever prominent in
deeds of friendly service.

He was a prosperous farmer and a public-spirfted, progressive man, His wife
and a number of children survive him.

LOVINGSTON, VA., October 6.—(Special.)—Mr. R. R. Bradshaw hitched his "gentle" horse to his surrey to take his sister. Mrs. L. F. Spencer, and Mrs. Edward Entwisle to the early morning train. The shaft of the wagen came loose, and the horse ran off, and as a result broke Mrs. Spencer's jawbone. Mr. Bradshaw has a fractured leg and other bruises. Mrs. Entwisle escaped with only a cut on the face. Real Estate Transfers.

Richmond: W. C. Preston, special com-missioner, to A. J. Chewning, 15 feet on south side Moore street, 171 feet west of Oak, \$375. Annie E. and John L. Sims to John T. and Araminta F. Powers, 22 feet on Main

PRISE AT WASHINGTON.

REPUBLICAN DISSATISFACTION.

Dishonesty in the Nomination of McCaull-Personal Notes.

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 6 .- (Spe cial.)-The Republican ticket nominated at Lynchburg occasioned a good deal of surprise here among sympathizers of the Lamb faction, who looked for different results. Though McCaull had been spoken of for the gubernatorial nomination, it was confidently expected that Major Lurty, of Rockingham, would head the ticket, that a Gold Democrat from the east would be selected for Lieutenant-Governor, and that a good Republican lawyer from the Southwest would be named for Attorney-General. The ticket as it stands meets only the approval of a faction of the Lamb faction, and already there are signs of revolt within the Lamb ranks.

Lurty's friends are indignant, and many of them openly announce their determina tion to go back into the fold of the old machine, and take no part in the coming contest. Roller's nomination was alto-gether unexpected. When the conven-tion failed to nominate Lurty for Gov-ernor the Republicans of the Valley con-fidently believed that Robert J. Walker, of Shenandoah, the thrice-defeated can-didate for Congress in the Seventh District, would be chosen for Lieutenant Governor. So that here are the friends of Lurty and Walker, the two strongest Republican leaders in the Valley, in open rebellion.

As for the nominee for Attorney-Gene

ral, James Lyons, of Richmond, Republicans of all factions ask what claims he has on the party.

Altogether, the work of the convention at Lynchburg, including the new plan of organization, which is pronounced a botch, is regarded as a miserable failure, so far as the formation of a new Repub lican party is concerned. This is the view of some of the Republicans here, though, of course, some of the Lamb faction will support the ticket.

Another element of discord has ap-peared to-night, which will prove a boomerang to the McCaull ticket. It is charged by some Republicans that, notwithstanding the cry for "honest elec-tions," the nomination of McCauli was se-cured by fraud. It is stated that the vote of the Mecklenburg delegation was cast for Lurty and counted for McCaull, and friends of the former claim that in this way his nomination was de-At any rate, all is not lovely

feated. At any rate, all is not lovely
with the Lamb Republican ticket, and
there will be howls from several sections of the State.

None of the machine or revenue leaders are here to-night, but their supporters laugh in their sleeves at the McCaull
toket and say that it is only a feeble ticket, and say that it is only a feeble demonstration of the disappointed officeseekers. It is reported, however, that the new Lamb Executive Committee will arrive here next week, headed by the chairman, W. F. Wickham, and call at the White House, for recognition by the President. At the same time, the Agnew-Brady-Waddill Executive Committee will also be here, and then will come the tug of war.

McCauil's challenge to meet and divide time with either Major Tyler or Sena-tor Daniel is ridiculed. It was anticipated that that would be Pat's game but no one supposes that either of the gentlemen named will accord him any

such privilege. Hon. Joseph E. Willard and Mr. John Skelton Williams left here this evening for Richmond.

THE SEALING MATTER.

Britain Will Not Meet Russia and Japan-Possibly Two Conferences. LONDON, October 6.-The officials of

the British Foreign Office have communicated to the United States Ambassador, Colonel John Hay, the final decision that the government of Great Britain must refuse to take part in any seal conference with representatives of Russia and Japan. The British Government, however, asserts its willingness to confer with the United States clone, but it insists that Russia Japan are not interested in the Bering Sea seals to a degree entitling them to

representation at the conference.

The British Government does not suggest any date for a conference with the United States, and it is thought probable in London that Great Britain's withdrawal will result in two meetings-one between the United States, Russia, and Japan, and the other between the United States and Great Britain and Canada.

It cannot be too strongly relterated that the withdrawal of Great Britain from the Washington conference is due to Canada's insistence, and Canadian officials informed the foreign officials here of Canada's objection and Japanese representation, Russian and Japanese representation, Great Britain fully intended to enter the

CORRESPONDENCE CONTINUES. WASHINGTON, D. C., October 6 .- Inquiry at the State Department confirms the announcement from the British Fo eign Office in London that the British eign Office in London that the British Government has refused to take part in any conference in which the Russian and Japanese delegates participate. Beyond this confirmation, the officials of the department decline to discuss the question, as correspondence is still in pro-gress on the subject. Mr. John W. Foster, ex-Secretary of

State, who is in charge of the interests of the United States in the Bering Sea seal fisheries matter, was asked about the statement that there would be two conferences, one between the United States and Great Britain, and the other between the United States. Russia, and Japan, but declined to discuss this point at the

present time. Hon. John W. Foster makes public the names of the following delegates who are to represent the Russian Government at the conference: Councillor Martens, of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Prolessor of International Law in the University of St. Petersburg; Court Council service, formerly attached to the legation of that country at Washington, and Coun-cillor-of-State Grebnitzky, Governor of the seal islands.

NEW TRIAL IN HART CASE. Application Argued-Decision Re

served-Alleged Cuban Expedition. PHILADELPHIA, PA., October 6 .-The application for a new trial in the case of Captain John Hart, of the Hart

Company, who was convicted several months ago of providing the means for a military expedition to Cuba on the steamer Laurada, was argued to-day before Judges Atchinson, Dalias, and Kirkpatrick, sitting as the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, Judge Bradford, of the United States District Court of Delaware, also sat on the bench, court of Delaware, also sat on the bench, but took no official part in the case. Hart, on conviction, was sentenced by Judge Butler to two years' imprisonment and \$500 fine, but pending the disposition of the appeal for a new trial, sentence was suspended, and he has since been at liberty under bail. W. W. Richmond: W. C. Preston, special commissioner, to A. J. Chewning, 15 feet on south side Moore street, 171 feet west of Oak, \$375.

Annie E. and John L. Sims to John T. and Araminta F. Powers, 22 feet on Main street southwest corner Lombardy, \$770.

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PROCURING TORTOISE-SHELL. How the Turtles Are Caught-Cruelties of the Traffic.

(Evening Post.) There are many articles of daily and hourly use, constantly passing before our eyes and through our hands, about the production of which we know compara tively little or nothing. An interesting example of this is tortoise shell, from which combs and hair-pins are made, be-sides a multitude of trinkets for the dressing-table, the desk, and the pocket. Fierce crusades have been instituted in recent years against the slaughter of birds for the procurement of their plu-mage for hat trimmings, and yet I venture to say that the process of prowhich far exceeds that to which

birds are subjected.

In the eighties I happened to be down In Bluefields, on that awful Mosquite Coast, and at the invitation of one Manuel Latona, who was the owner and cap-tain of a small schooner, went with him to the cay El Roncador for tortoise shell. This cay gets its name (which in English would be The Snorer) from the exceedingly angry surf, which can be heard for a long distance breaking over the reefs. This is the cay on which, a cou-ple of years back, the historic old ship Constitution was wrecked and battered to pieces. El Roncador is nothing more nor less than a typical coral island, such as is found throughout the Southern seas, three quarters of a mile long, perhaps, and not more than a quarter of a mile across its widest part. Surround-ing the island is a reef, inside of which and at the bottom of this shallow water there grows a peculiar kind of sea-grass which is a dainty food for the turtle tribes. There is also found on the top of the water inside the reef a sort of small blubber fish, called in Spanish de-dales, or thimble fish, which is, perhaps, the greatest delicacy of the entire tur-

The turtle whose shell is valued in commerce is a small species known as the hawk's bill. There are other varieties which come to El Roncador to spawn, but they are not molested. During the night the turtles crawl up on the shore to lay their eggs, each female depositing on an average about seventy. To do this they dig holes in the sand about two feet deep, and after laying the eggs cover them over so deftly that it is almost impossible for a novice to find them. These eggs are really delicious when roasted, but the turtle-fishers are carefor food, so as to promote as much as possible the increase of this valuable sea reptile. At night the fishers conceal themselves along the shore as well as possible, and when the turtles come up out of the water on the beach they rush forth and turn them over on their backs with iron hooks, leaving them secure in

this position until morning.

The tortoise shell of commerce is not, as generally believed, the horny cover scales are thirteen in number, eight of them being flat and the other five some-what curved. Four of those that are flat are quite large, sometimes being as much as twelve inches long and sever inches broad, nearly transparent, and beautifully variegated in color with red yellow, white, and dark brown clouds which give the effects so fully brought out when the shell is properly polished. A turtle of average size will furnish about eight pounds of these laminge, or scales, each piece being from an eighth

It is the method by which these scales loesened which is the repulsive part the business. The turtles are not killed, as that would lead to their extermination in a very few years. After capturing them the fishers wait for daylight to complete the work. The turtles are turned over again in their natural position and fastened firmly to the ground by means of pegs; then a bunch of dried leaves or sea-grass is spread evenly over the back of the turtle and set afire. The heat is not great enough very similar in shape to a chemist's spa-tula—is then inserted horizontally between the laminae, which are gently pried from the back. Great care must be taken not to injure the shell by too much heat, and yet it is not forced off until it is fully prepared for separation by a sufficient amount of warmth.

The operation, as one may readily ima-gine, is the extreme of cruelty, and nany turtles do not survive it. Most of them do live, however, and thrive, and in time grow a new covering, just as a man will grow a new finger nail in place of one he might lose. The peculiarity of the second growth of shell, though, is that instead of reproducing the original number of thirteen segments, it is re-stored in one solid piece. To see the operation of taking the shell

from the living turtle once is about all a man of northern breeding wants of it; and if the helpless reptiles had the power of voicing their sufferings under it their cries would tell of as heartless a business as man has yet engaged in.

The Mole and His Functions.

The Rev. Augustus Jessop, in an article on moles in the Nineteenth Century, describes them as the natural enemies of the ground beetles that have of late been the curse of the market gardener. He says: "These ground beetles, who have begun to eat up the fruits of the soil, and says: who, by-and-by, will return to their car-nivorous habits by feeding upon bables in their cradles and the 2-year-old little in their cradles and the 2-year-old little toddlers in their perambulators have gone on increasing at an awful and inconcelvable rate of geometrical progression, because the moles have been for a long time undergoing a process of extermination; and what is to be the end of it all none can say." He goes on to say: "A mole is one of the most interesting and instructive animals, if only you take the trouble to study him. We have had delightful monographs on the frog. on the mole. May I suggest that some gift-ed naturalist should set to work upon this subject and witch the world with the tale he might unfold? There are those who

Prices, 20c. to \$1.25 per yard. sure us that the mole is a survival of

the megatherium, and that he is the only living thing which still possesses a peculiarly formed finger on his broad hand the only known analogue of a similar too on the hind foot of the extinct glyptodo Also, it is certain that, though the me has no external ears, yet no animal that we are familiar with has such exquisite sense of hearing. His sense of touch seems to be diffused over all the surface of his little body; and some of the learned assure us those little eyes, which to the full-grown animal are hard to find, are furnished with a certain muscle which can be contracted or expanded at will, insomuch that your mole may jus

to circumstance-an invaluable accor-

plishment, such as courtiers, diplomatists, et hoc genus omne, may be forgiven if,

when they hear of, they too desire to

Then there are those marvellous fort

he rest, which the moles construct, and galleries, the dormitory, the magazine of food, and the wells or reservoirs of water-yes! actually wells! that they dig their loves and wars and bloody battles, with the plentiful banquet and repas when the conqueror comes home, where Mrs. Mole receives her lord to o'clock tea (some seriously Insist that is a plate of skinned earthworms pro-vided for her dainty lord-only as a treat, though! only as a treat! The main this is that the voracity of the mole is prodigious. The number of wireworms found in a mole's stomach, as it has been reported to me, is almost incredi-ble. The larvae of beetles and other wild beasts hostile to man and enemies to human progress, civilization, and cul-ture that a hundred moles would consume in a year, they say we could count by millions; and some calculators, great in mathematics, talk even of millions of millions. Certain it is that in the present depressed condition of agriculture it is difficult to estimate how much serious mischief is being done by exterminating one of the farmer's best and most influ-ential friends, the mole. To wage a stupld and ignorant war against this benefiindeed. What I want to know, and what I suspect others will soon be longing and asking eagerly to know, is, How can we get back our moles? How can we allure them hither? Can any one make it known to the moles that we have hereabouts such a wealth of ground beetles and wireworms as would suffice to fat-ten whole legions of moles for years? They shall not be molested (no pun, h you please!), but treated with the utmost respect and consideration; and already there is talk of saddling the resurrection man with the expense of a heavy license duty, and of bringing in a bill for the protection of our best friends, the talpidae. The pressing difficulty now, how-ever, is how to get back those, our benefactors, whom we have done our best to

exterminate?

Autumnal Virginia. (Norfolk Pilot.)

How glorious is Virginia in the fall or autumn! Virginia is beautiful in spring, lovely in summer, and delightful in many ways and aspects in winter; but in September, October, and November she presents a spectacle of gorgeous grandeur that cannot be surpassed anywhere, at any time, while all through the season she breathes an atmosphere that bathes all the senses in an ether and elixir of delicious satisfaction. Beauty, sweetness, and all that can bring felicity to our physical, intellectual, and spiritual being abound around us in all directions. Every yearning of body and soul is overwhelmed with a profusion of all that can comfort, cheer, and biess. The animal and the spirit in us now have every desire fuifilled, and hope itself is wrapped in a sleep so full of all its dreams realized that it cannot imagine a further want than the eternal continuance of the perfect tresent. (Norfolk Pilot.)

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From the old fields, recently so desolate, to the mountain tops, the matchiess drapery of variegated nature is spread in splendor and grace beyond the reach of art. Everything, from the old-field pine and rotting rail-fence to the royal parks of our country places, are clad in every hue and tint, so disposed as to achieve the highest and most exquisite effect; and now it is, too, that every color, tone, and shade have their finest development and distinction to the entaptured eye. The temperature is joy; to breathe the delicately perfumed air is happiness, and every sound, attuned to the scenery, is etherial delight.

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And what to the hunter is more gladdening than the whistle of the partridse, the chatter and bark of the squirrel, the quack of the wild duck, and the yelp and cail of the magnificent wild-turkey gobbler? The old hares and 'possums are now fattening for the boys, and soon the fox will be glad to lend the mounted hunter and his hounds a merry round, enlivened by the cry of the eager does and the cheering sound of the horn.

It is the fruition of nature in all her bounty; the fulfilment of all the promise of Mother Earth, and over all is a glamour and magical glory that aptly celebrate the occasion and make gratitude itself an inner joy crowning all joys.

A Martyr to Melons (Atlanta Constitution.)

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The melon crop was short this year, and a Southwest Georgia farmer, who had practically "cornered" it in his neighborhood, had suffered seriously from the depredations of some of the hungry colored brethren. So he gave it out that he had poisoned his melons, and after the news went forth he ceased to miss them. Night after night an old negro who lived near the finest melon patch had gazed at their green sides with hungry eyes, but the thought of the poison kept him hungry still.

One moonlight night, however, his appetite got the best of him. He looked in the direction of the melons long and earnestly, then, shouldering a sack, he started off.

"In de name of goodness, Rufus, whar you gwine?" asked his wife.

The old man turned, pointed to the melon-patch, and said, slowly, and solemnly:
"Tm a-gwine whar dem melons is!"
"But.-day's noisoned!"

solemnly:
'I'm a-gwine whar dem melons is!'
'But—dey's poisoned!'
'I know dey is! But I'm gwine ter take
my death. Pray fer me!'

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